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SUBJ: LOS: SITE OF INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

REF: VALLETTA 0815

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED AN OFFICIAL NOTE FROM THE GOM MINISTRY OF COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS REQUESTING USG SUPPORT FOR MALTA'S EFFORTS TO BECOME THE SITE OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY.

2. THE SUBSTANTIVE SECTIONS OF THE GOM NOTE (DATED SEPTEMBER 15, 1976) ARE AS FOLLOWS:

"THE MINISTRY OF COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS ... HAS THE HONOR TO FORWARD HERewith TWO COPIES OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE BOOKLET INDICATING THE FACILITIES THAT COULD BE

MADE AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY BY MALTA AS WELL AS TWO ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS FOR THE SITING OF THE PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY. THE BOOKLET WAS ON 8 SEPTEMBER, 1976, DISTRIBUTED TO ALL THE DELEGATIONS PARTICIPATING AT THE CURRENT FIFTH SESSION OF THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK.

"THE EMBASSY WILL NOTE THAT THE PHYSICAL PLANS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA IS NOW PRESENTING TO HOUSE THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY. IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANTICIPATED REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDE IMMEDIATE PROVISIONAL ACCOMMODATION SO THAT THE AUTHORITY COULD START FUNCTIONING THE MOMENT IT IS ESTABLISHED. MOREOVER, AN OPTION IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR THE AUTHORITY EITHER TO DEVELOP ITS PROVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS FOR ITS EXPANDING ACTIVITIES, OR TO CONSTRUCT A COMPLETELY NEW BUILDING IN A CHOICE AREA.

"THE MINISTRY TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY OF REQUESTING ONCE AGAIN THE ACTIVE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO MALTA'S OFFER OF BECOMING THE SITE OF THE SEABED AUTHORITY."

3. COMMENT: WE EXPECT THE GOM TO PURSUE THIS SUBJECT VIGOROUSLY, NOW THAT THE MALTESE GENERAL ELECTION IS OVER. WE WOULD, THEREFORE, APPRECIATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE AS TO HOW TO RESPOND TO THE MINISTRY'S NOTE. COPIES OF THE MALTESE BOOKLET ARE BEING POUCHED TO EUR/WE AND IO FOR THEIR INFORMATION.  
END COMMENT  
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